

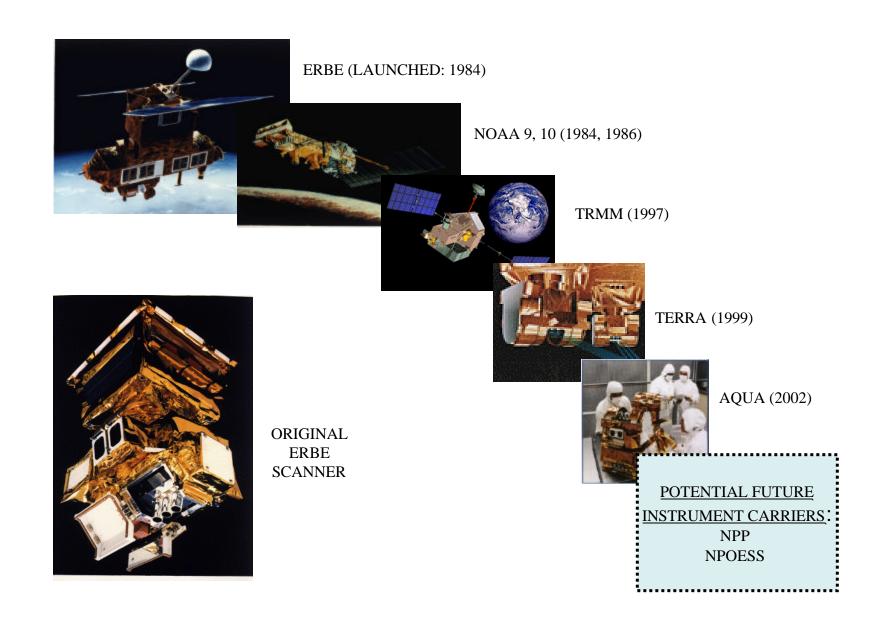
# ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES DATA CENTER

## Earth Radiation Budget Experiment (ERBE) Digital Library (DL)

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#### ERBE HAS LONG SPACE-BOURNE LEGACY OF EARTH OBESERVATIONS

### **ERBE DL Goals**

- Long-term preservation of a comprehensive information environment
- Provide knowledge to the scientific community for future use in defining climate data records.
- Centralization of 25 years of scattered information elements
- Facilitate identification and interpretation of ERBE data by climatologists
- Create a model to preserve similar information for other instrument teams

## **ERBE Data Environment**

#### Twenty five years of ERBE data

- Narrative information provides a context for the data products
  - Science reference manuals and calibration reports
  - Operations reports and manuals
  - Meeting minutes
  - Published papers
- Twenty boxes of ERBE information
  - Paper documents
  - microfiche

## ERBE DL System

- Developed initial requirements for system function and features
- Developed prototype DL using Commercial product
- Iterative user testing for requirements refinement and prototype improvement
- Preservation strategy involving migration of derivatives and a master digital format

### **ERBE DL Status**

- Began cataloging paper documents, microfiche, electronic files
- Scanned 10,000 representative pages of ERBE information into pdf files
- User prototype testing continues to provide feedback on search features, metadata, digital formats, and workflow

## Next Steps

- Validate results of prototype and refine system design
- Select Open Source Software for final DL
- Complete cataloging of paper documents and microfiche
- Complete Scanning activity
- Ingest pdf files and metadata into DL
- Determine disposition of paper documents and microfiche that have been scanned

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